

Where we have been...

There are many milestones for the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee since its inception in 1964. A brief summary of major accomplishments follows:



1964

- Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee formed with signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Park Service and Forest Service.

1979

- GYCC issues “Guidelines for Management Involving Grizzly Bears in the Greater Yellowstone Area.”

1983

- The *Bald Eagle Management Plan* released, covering five GYCC units.

1985

- Joint hearings held by House Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks and Recreation about coordinated management in the GYA.
- A joint Forest Service/Park Service planning team established in Billings to create an information base from existing planning documents.

1986

- Memorandum of Understanding between Park Service and Forest Service revised to reinforce existing mutual cooperation and coordination in response to congressional hearings.

1987

- *Greater Yellowstone Area Aggregation of National Parks and National Forest Management Plans* released. The report compiles and summarizes existing management plans for the national parks and forests within the GYA.

1988

- “Greater Yellowstone Area Interagency Fire Planning and Coordination Guide” completed.

1989

- “The Greater Yellowstone Postfire Assessment,” a collection and evaluation of postfire data compiled by 15 interagency teams is published.

1990

- Draft “Vision for the Future” document released for pub-

lic comment. The Vision document describes a desired future condition for the GYA.

1991

- GYCC issues a “Framework for Coordination of National Parks and National Forests in the Greater Yellowstone Area.” The Framework, a final version of the 1990 Vision document, includes guidelines and principles for coordinated management of the GYA.

1992

- “Guidelines for Coordinated Management of Noxious Weeds” released. The document served as a model for coordinated and integrated noxious weed management.
- National Forests issue GYA Outfitter Policy to provide consistent direction for the administration of outfitter guides.

1993

- Units of the coordinating committee issue wilderness fire management plans for wilderness and backcountry areas.
- National Forests issue special orders on the use of weed-free feed to reduce the spread of noxious weeds.

1994

- National Forests issue uniform regulations on wilderness and non-wilderness recreation use.
- GYCC forms Winter Use Management Work Group to analyze current winter use patterns and areas of conflict.

1996

- GYCC funds provided for completion of the grizzly bear cumulative effects model.

1999

- *Winter Visitor Use Management: A Multi-agency Assessment*, completed.
- “Greater Yellowstone Area Air Quality Assessment” document released.
- *Effects of Winter Recreation on Wildlife of the Greater Yellowstone Area: A Literature Review and Assessment*, published.